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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER SWARAN SINGH'S VISIT TO IRAN

1. AT AIRPORT CEREMONIES BEFORE SHAH'S DEPARTURE FOR U.S., FOREIGN MINISTER KHALATBARI INFORMED ME THAT HE FOUND SWARAN SINGH'S VISIT TO TEHRAN VERY USEFUL AND PRODUCTIVE. KHALATBARI SAID HE HAD INITIATED SUGGESTION THAT TWO FOREIGN MINISTERS GET TOGETHER AND HE HAD BEEN IMPRESSED BY SPEED WITH WHICH SWARAN SINGH HAD RESPONDED TO SUGGESTION. KHALATBARI HAD ASSUMED THAT MEETING COULD BE ARRANGED AFTER KHALATBARI HAD RETURNED FROM VISIT TO U.S. WITH SHAH BUT SWARAN SINGH HAD DROPPED EVERYTHING AND PROCEEDED IMMEDIATELY TO TEHRAN. KHALATBARI INTERPRETED THIS AS FAVORABLE PORTENT OF INDIA'S DESIRE TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH IRAN AND HIS VISIT HAD CONTRIBUTED SUBSTANTIALLY TO THIS END. ACCORDING TO KHALATBARI, DISCUSSIONS CENTERED ON RELATIONS

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OF BOTH COUNTRIES WITH PAKISTAN. THESE HAD HELPED

DISPEL MISCONCEPTIONS EACH SIDE HAD OVER INTENTIONS OF OTHER. KHALATBARI SAID SWARAN SINGH HAD EXPRESSED INDIAN CONCERNS OVER POSSIBILITY OF IRANIAN ARMS TRANSFERS TO PAKISTAN AS RESULT OF IRANIAN ARMS BUILDUP AND GOI HAD MADE CLEAR TO SWARAN SINGH THAT IRAN HAD NO INTENTION TO TRANSFER EQUIPMENT TO PAKISTAN. AS LONG AS INDIA HAD NO AGGRESSIVE DESIGNS AGAINST PAKISTAN AND, ACCORDING TO KHALATBARI, SWARAN SINGH ASSURED HIM THAT INDIA FAVORED PAKISTAN'S TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY, INDIA HAD NO REASON TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT IRAN'S CLOSE RELATIONS WITH PAKISTAN.

2. AS FOR IRAQ, KHALATBARI SAID THIS CAME UP ONLY INCIDENTALLY IN DISCUSSIONS WITH SWARAN SINGH REASSURING KHALATBARI THAT INDIA WAS NOT DEEPLY INVOLVED IN IRAQ AND SOUGHT IMPORVE ITS RELATIONS WITH THAT COUNTRY PRIMARILY TO ENSURE SECURE SUPPLY OF BADLY NEEDED OIL.

3. COMMENT: WE ARE STILL TAKING SOUNDINGS ON SWARAN SINGH'S VISIT HERE AND WILL REPORT FURTHER. OUR FIRST IMPRESSION IS THAT BOTH COUNTRIES ARE BEGINNING TO DO WHAT WE HAD HPED THEY WOULD, I.E., TALK TO EACH OTHER ABOUT THEIR RESPECTIVE PROBLEMS RATHER THAN THROUGH THIRD PARTIES. THIS IS HEALTHY DEVELOPMENT WHICH WE SHOULD CONTINUE TO ENCOURAGE DISCREETLY AS APPROPRIATE.
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